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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PY DIVISION

SUBJECT: Report of First Meeting of Panel C. Sub-Committee -  
Program to Counter Communism in France and Italy.

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1. The meeting was opened by [REDACTED] director of PSB, who stated that PSB's overall purpose in setting up the panel was to produce a coordinated program from all governmental agencies concerned in order to attack the problem. He indicated that this program would perhaps largely consist of actions which are already in process but that it was hoped, through the plan which the panel would adopt, to bring about a more organized effort, to avoid duplication, to fill in gaps, and particularly to prod the agencies concerned in their respective duties. He made it clear that PSB and the panel are not to be engaged in field operations. However, the panel can and should recommend to the board which agency should be made responsible for specific actions.

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2. After [REDACTED] withdrew, most of the discussion centered around [REDACTED] idea that panel C or a unit subsequently set up would act as a GHQ for the agencies concerned in following through on the coordinated program and in maintaining liaison with small units now being set up by Ambassadors Bruce and Dunn in Paris and Rome. [REDACTED] line of approach, which received some sympathetic hearing from PSY staff members but no commitments, followed the line that the members of this Washington working group would be required to have access to high authority in their respective agencies in order to get immediate decisions on current problems as they arose. At the next meeting it is likely that the PSB staff members will indicate to what extent PSB is receptive to the group functioning as a close working coordinating committee. 25X1A9a

3. At present, it is planned that panel C will meet at least once or twice a week for some time. Therefore, it would seem to me that the same CIA member should attend all meetings in order to be fully briefed on the situation.

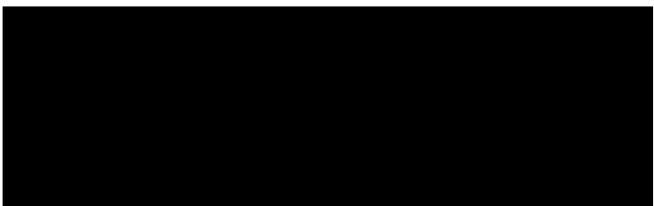
4. First CIA requirement is to go over the attached check list, note the omissions, and make additions to those actions

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which are either now underway or being planned by CIA. The next meeting will probably occur Monday or Tuesday, October 15 or 16.

5. The most immediate problem for CIA is the question of security. This subject was raised and PSB staff members stated that they would advise the CIA representative before the next meeting how far in his discussions he should go with the other members of the panel.



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